Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 19 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 at 03:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry, settled weather for the rest of this week and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day cloud detail.

Headline for Thursday 18 Mar 2021: Dry. Some mist and low cloud lingering in north. Sunny spells developing further south.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: Extensive mist and low cloud shrouding many ranges in north of area at first will become more patchy during the morning but lingering all day in some locations. Brighter conditions developing further south towards Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder with some sunshine.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, improving 80% from Creag Meagaidh southwards from late morning.

Visibility: Misty conditions at first with extensive cloud cover well down the hills, especially in north. Visibility becoming generally good during morning with clouds lifting and breaking up. However some mist and low cloud will linger all day in north of area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/31 N	26/30 N	24/29 N	24/29 N	28/34 N	29/35 NE	27/34 NE
900	9/12 N	9/12 NW	11/16 N	12/17 N	13/18 N	14/20 N	16/22 NE
600	12/15 SW	13/17 SW	11/16 W	11/15 W	11/15 NE	14/20 NE	16/21 NE
300	7/9 NE	9/12 NE	10/14 NW	10/15 NW	8/13 N	11/16 N	11/16 N
Glen	8/14 NW	14/23 NW	12/18 NW	11/17 NW	8/13 NW	4/8 N	4/8 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	6/0	4/-2	3/-3	3/-3	4/-2	5/-0	4/-2
900	5/2	4/1	5/2	6/2	5/1	5/1	4/-1
600	7/4	6/2	7/3	8/5	8/5	7/4	6/2
300	7/4	7/4	9/7	10/8	9/7	8/5	7/4
Glen	7/5	9/6	11/9	12/10	10/9	8/7	7/6
Freezing Level*	2000m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling very cold on the tops with fresh to strong winds and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Friday 19 Mar 2021
Weather: Mainly dry and rather cloudy with extensive mist and low cloud in north of area giving a little drizzle. Dry in south of area with some brighter spells developing.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds with average speeds of 20mph and gusts 35mph over higher ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% improving 70% in south of area.

Visibility: Generally misty conditions with patches of poor visibility in north and clouds well down the hills. The visibility improving good in south with clouds lifting and breaking by the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the tops.

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